

Egremont Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) Planning Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 2:00 pm

Held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Will Conklin (Chairman), Bruce Bernstein, Donna Bersch, Will Brinker, Emily Eyre (part of meeting), Fred Gordon, Juliette Haas, Jim Noe, Dave Rejeski, Patrick Riordan (sitting in for Joyce Frater)

Also Attending: Carrieanne Petrick, MVP Regional Coordinator (part of meeting)

Attending from Weston & Sampson: Amanda Kohn, Joanna Nadaeu, Lindsey Adams

- 1) Noting the presence of a quorum of the appointed MVP Committee (Conklin, Haas, Noe and Rejeski) Chairman Conklin called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda (4-0 pass). Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting (4-0 pass). Members present introduced themselves.
- 2) Amanda Kohn stated she will be leaving Weston & Sampson in mid-October. Joanna Nadaeu will become Weston & Sampson project lead.
- 3) **Goals** Updated Hazard Mitigation Goals document was reviewed. Question was raised as to the duration of the plan. The plan will address both short term and long term situations and will be written for a 20 year scope with potential updates every five years. Motion made and seconded to approve Goal document (4-0 pass).
- 4) **Critical Facilities List** Updated Critical Facilities List was reviewed. Question was raised as to available shelters since the previous local shelter (former Congregational Church which is now privately owned) is no longer available. Additions were made including water bodies (Mill Pond/Smiley's Pond, Marsh Pond) and addition of one road (Route 41). With those additions, motion made and seconded to approve Critical Facilities list (4-0 pass).
- 5) **Stakeholder List** Updated stakeholder list was reviewed for use as outreach list for CRB workshop and other promotion. Motion made and seconded to approve Stakeholder List (4-0 pass).
- 6) **Public Engagement/Publicity Subcommittee/Project Promotion** Weston & Sampson will supply the committee with a community survey which will collect information from our residents regarding their concerns of climate change (priorities, local vulnerabilities, etc.) The committee discussed ways to get optimal number of responses back reaching representative demographics (seniors, seasonal residents). In addition to posting a link to access the survey online and a possible on-line video game linking the survey, hard copies will be made to reach out to residents who don't use computers. Ad in the Shopper's Guide was mentioned and to post copies at the Egremont Free Library, Post office, Town Hall, Library. Will Conklin will reach out to Mary McGurn of Mary McGurn Media to see if she can assist with community outreach as she is doing now for April Hill/Greenagers. The survey should be finalized by late October/early November. Juliette will assist with compilation of hard copy surveys to send to Weston & Sampson for analysis with online responses.

- 7) Community Resiliency Building (CRB) Workshop** Joanna Nadeau informed the committee of the requirements for the CRB Workshop. This workshop will be facilitated by Weston & Sampson, is typically 6 hours in length if held online, and will be by email invitation to those listed on the approved Stakeholders list. The email will be sent by either Juliette Haas or Will Conklin. Because in-person meetings are still not being held, the committee discussed holding the CRB Workshop as three 2-hour Zoom meetings held on three consecutive days. Tentative dates/times discussed were December 7, 8, 9 or December 14, 15, 16 from 1 – 3pm. Committee will evaluate dates for possible time conflicts. Idea was shared for hosting seniors at Town Hall for screening of virtual public meetings – more relevant to spring meeting.
- 8) Risk Matrix** Joanna Nadeau presented a Risk Matrix template that will be used at the CRB workshop, which was divided into features and hazards. Features include Infrastructure (e.g. Water Supply), societal/economic (e.g. Climate Migration, Agriculture, Tourism/Economy), and environmental (e.g. forests). Additions to the Risk Matrix to pre-select priority hazards or features can be added at future meetings as we get closer to the CRB Workshop.
- 9) Next Steps/Future Meeting** The Weston & Sampson team will submit a draft survey and other marketing tools in the near future. Juliette Haas felt a committee meeting may be necessary to discuss future publicity methods, ways to publicize the survey, identifying media venues and discuss CRB Workshop format and actual dates and times.
- 10)** The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm. Date of the next committee meeting to be determined.

Juliette Haas
Approved
1/18/2022